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JACOB MICHAEL ANDERSON GUILTY IN BIAS CRIME CASE

HILLSBORO, Ore- On November 10, 2025, Washington County Circuit Court Judge Brandon Thompson found Jacob Michael Anderson, age 35, guilty of bias crime in the first degree and reckless driving. Judge Thompson then sentenced the defendant to 120 days in the Washington County Jail, suspended his driver's license for 90 days, placed him on supervised probation for a period of three years, barred him from having any contact with the victim, and ordered him to take anger management classes. Deputy District Attorney BJ Park prosecuted this case.

The victim in this case is an Asian American who lived across the street from the defendant. On May 17, 2024, the victim and defendant both left their homes around the same time to drive to work. As the victim was driving, he saw the defendant tailgating him and driving erratically. This occurred on a residential street with a speed limit of 25 miles per hour. The defendant then passed the victim on the right at a high rate of speed. This maneuver caused damage to the victim's car as well as a parked vehicle.

Both cars stopped in the middle of the road. The defendant then exited his vehicle, approached the victim in a menacing manner, and called him a racial slur.

Beaverton police responded to the scene. The victim showed them a dash camera video depicting the defendant's reckless driving, and he was arrested. Investigators learned the defendant had targeted the victim in multiple previous road rage incidents, information that contributed to Judge Thompson's sentencing decision.

The Washington County District Attorney's Office acknowledges the work of the Beaverton Police Department on this case.

Community members who witness bias crimes should report them to local law enforcement. The Oregon Department of Justice also operates a <u>bias crime hotline</u>. Call 1-844-924-2427 for assistance.